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EXCURSION BOAT BURNS

Loss of Nearly 1,000 Lives in the East River.

519 Bodies Found and 300 Reported Missing—Russians Forced to Retreat—Governor of Finland Killed—Hearst Gets Illinois Delegation Fair Pays Government.

One of the most appalling disasters in the history of New York, tragic in its immensity, dramatic in its episodes, and deeply pathetic in the tender age of most of its victims, occurred Wednesday forenoon in the East river, at the entrance of Long Island Sound, within a short distance of the New York shore and within sight of thousands of persons, the majority of whom were powerless to give aid.

The three decked excursion steamer General Slocum, of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, burned to the water's edge off North Brother's Island, resulting in the death through burning or drowning of 800 persons.

The General Slocum, which was the largest excursion steamer in these waters, left Third street, East river, at 9:30 a. m., having on board the annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church, Sixth street. Her destination was Locust Grove, on the Sound. The excursion was in charge of Rev. George C. F. Haas, pastor of the church. The vessel was commanded by Captain William Van Schaick, one of the best known excursion boat captains in New York harbor, who has commanded the General Slocum almost since she was built in 1891.

The fire broke out in a lunch room on the forward deck caused by the overturning of a pot of grease. A high wind fanned the flames into instant fury.

Efforts to subdue the fire were futile and word was sent at once to the captain, who started to land the steamer at 134th street. He was warned, however, that the boat would set fire to lumber yards and oil tanks there and changed the Slocum's course, heading her for North Brother's Island, half a mile away.

As the fire increased the struggle to gain a point of vantage at the stern became frightful. Women and children crowded against the after-rail until it gave way and hundreds were pushed off into the river. After this there was a steady stream of those who jumped or were thrown into the water.

The tug and small craft following after kept close in wake of the Slocum and rescued all of those who came within reach of their crews. Few of those who were saved had on life preservers.

The Slocum got within 50 feet of the northwest point of North Brother's Island and there stopped in the shallow water. Just before the vessel was beached, the hurricane deck, the supports of which had burned away, fell with its load of women and children, adding to the panic and horror of those on the deck below.

Very soon after, parts of the second and third deck also caved in. But before this happened the tug Walter Tracy had come alongside the burning steamer and been lashed to it.

Many of the passengers were taken off by the crew of the Tracy which remained alongside the steamer until the tug's pilot house took fire.

There is hardly a German family on the middle east side of the city that is not mourning a dead, an injured or a missing friend or relative. St. Mark's German Lutheran church, connected in its membership practically all of those of Protestant faith within a radius of ten square blocks. The fatal excursion was the event of the year for scores of well-to-do and thrifty Tauton families and had been looked forward to for many months. Family parties of 10 or more had been made up including in many cases the old grandmother, the mother and the children of all ages with a sprinkling of those men of the families who could spare a day from their work.

Charles E. Hill, a director of the Knickerbocker Steamboat company, made the following statement: "The cause of the fire is not known," said he. "I say that because no investigation has been begun. The government will undoubtedly begin an investigation. The captain is under arrest and it would be inadvisable for him to make any statement at present, but he told me that he and the first and second pilots, Edward Van Wart and E. M. Weaver, were in the pilot house until the Slocum was beached. Then they jumped directly from the pilot house into the water. The captain hurt his leg and may require an operation. The two pilots were practically unhurt and assisted in saving life. They were all in the wheel house until the last."

Secretary Cortelyou, of the department of Commerce and Labor, will personally undertake the investigation into the disaster on behalf of the government. District Attorney Jerome's assistants are working energetically on the case, and officials of the coroner's office have made considerable progress in the way of gathering evidence which will be presented on Monday when the coroner's inquiry will begin its work.

There is in the coroner's possession a standpipe taken at his direction by a diver from the submerged wreck. The valve of the pipe is closed tight, showing that no use was made of this pipe in fighting the flames on the Slocum.

Estimates as to the number of dead

DELEGATIONS CAUCUS.

New York to Cast 78 Votes For Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Iowa Delegation Rejected Governor Cummings' New Presentation of the "Iowa Idea"—Expressions of Regret at Absence of Faces Familiar at Former National Conventions.

Chicago, June 21.—With the time occupied in caucuses of state delegations, which with a few exceptions were more ratification meetings held to approve state convention programs, the day preceding the opening of the Republican national convention has been the quietest ever known as the forerunner of similar gatherings.

Senators and representatives in congress were as thick on the streets and in the hotel lobbies as they are in the national capital when a particularly uneventful or dry debate is in progress in congress.

Figures prominent in the political strife of former national conventions were everywhere. They mingled with the delegates and others not on the inside, talking of anything which promised even momentary interest. When the leaders reached Chicago a few days ago they found nothing for them to do. Program for convention was mapped out weeks ago and there was a full realization that it was unalterable.

The principal diversions were offered by the caucuses of Iowa, Illinois and Washington delegations. Governor Cummings presented to the Hawkeye delegation the "Iowa Idea" in an entirely new dress. It was in the form of a plank setting forth the "Iowa Idea" as a diversion for reciprocity of tariff schedules. It was rejected by the delegation and this sounded its death knell so far as the present convention is concerned. In the Illinois caucus the interest was in chairmanship of delegation. Senator Cullom was opposed by the Governor Yates factor, but his defeat would have prevented his re-election to the senate.

In the Washington caucus Senator Ankeny was elected national committee member against the combined opposition of former committee member James M. Ashton and J. S. McMillan, both of whom were candidates for the position.

What has been popularly termed the "Indiana puzzle" was one of the features of the day. The members of the delegation from the Hoosier state met to determine their course in regard to the boom of Senator Fairbanks for vice presidency. Senator Fairbanks attended the meeting and addressed the delegates. He talked for 15 minutes, the meeting adjourned and the delegation was no wiser concerning his wishes, beyond a repetition of his statement that he did not desire his state to present his name for the vice presidency.

Expressions of genuine regret at the absence of faces familiar at similar gatherings four, eight and twelve years ago are heard on every side. Men who have played leading roles in the art of making tickets and plat forms are absent.

One whose absence is felt more than that of any others is the late Senator Hanna, though his debut on the political stage is of more recent date. Numerous pictures of the late senator attest his popularity.

Contests worthy of the name are utterly lacking. The fight between the LaFollette and "stalwart" factions in Wisconsin, the contest between Ad ticks and the anti-Ad ticks faction in Delaware, the "Lily white" and the "Black and Tan" factions of Southern states, were disposed of with so much dispatch that they failed to furnish the gossip necessary to an interesting convention. About all that was left to feed the craving of delegates for excitement and furnish a topic of conversation was the question of how long Senator Fairbanks' inscrutable silence would continue.

The New York state delegates in caucus instructed Senator Thomas C. Platt by motion of Governor Odell to cast 78 votes for the Theodore Roosevelt of New York for President and Charles W. Fairbanks, of Indiana for Vice-President. The meeting of the delegation was harmonious.

Governor Odell personally named Senator Platt as chairman of the delegation and moved that he be allowed to cast New York's vote as a unit or all propositions.

Then the governor moved that New York instruct for Fairbanks for Vice President, there was a cheer and for Senator Platt for President.

Schaumann was a university student and a member of the Nationalist party. His father two years ago protested in the senate against the policy of the Russian government in Finland.

Governor of Colorado Sued.
 Papers were served Friday in a \$100,000 damage suit brought by the Portland Gold Mining company against Governor Peabody. Adjutant-General Bell, Secretary Hermlin, of the Mine Owners' association and others connected with that body, as well as Sheriff Bell of Teller county and his deputies, who assisted in the closing down of the Portland mine.

Uncle Sam Gets His Money.
 A check for \$155,057.94 was paid to the United States government by the Louisiana Purchase company, this sum being 40 per cent. of the gross gate receipts from the day of the opening. April 20th, to midnight of June 15th.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Culled From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Hurried Reader Who is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted.

From Niu-Chwang it was reported that 800 Russians had been lost in a trap set by the Japanese southwest of Shungumao.

Nan Paterson, an actress, was indicted for the death of Caesar Young, with whom she was riding in a cab when he was shot in New York.

General Bell, in charge of the Colorado troops in Cripple Creek, has caused the arrest of the union miners' attorney "for the good of the state."

The Sultan of Morocco's reply granting nearly all Raisoull's terms is on its way and Mr. Perdieris and Mr. Varley are expected to be released on its receipt.

Jitaro Mori, a wealthy Japanese student at Yale, who attacked American missionaries, has retired from the university. He denied that he is anti-American or anti-Christian.

Thursday.
 It was reported that three cruisers and some torpedo boats left Vladivostok and have had a fight with the Japanese fleet in the Corson straits.

Postmaster General Payne, chairman of national Republican committee, collapsed at the Auditorium annex at Chicago. His ailment was apparently of an apopleptic character.

Laden with 1,000 excursionists, mostly women and children, the big steamer General Slocum caught fire in the waters of Hell Gate, East river, and from 400 to 500 persons lost their lives.

A hitch has occurred in treating with the Moroccan bandits which it is said, will delay the release of Mr. Perdieris and Mr. Varley. Raisoull has raised his price for release of the captives.

Several other suggestions not now contained in the prepared draft of the platform will be made. One of these is for international arbitration. An other urging that the interstate commerce commission be given more power to enforce its decisions, will be offered.

The territories are in a turmoil about a declaration in favor of the bill which has passed the house and is pending in the senate, providing for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico as one state and Oklahoma and Indian Territory as another. Arizona delegates are opposed to anything being done, while Indian Territory delegates say that statehood is so remote that they want a declaration in favor of home rule in appointment in the territories.

Friday.
 Two Japanese transports were sunk in the Corson Gulf by cruisers belonging to the Vladivostok squadron.

The award of the king of Italy establishing the frontiers of British Guiana is in favor of Great Britain, as against Brazil.

Henry Watterson delivers an oration at the dedication of a Confederate monument in Nashville, expressing gratitude for the unity of the North and South.

Survivors of the General Slocum disaster declare that the steamer's life preservers were rotten and worthless, and that the life rafts were fastened down with wires.

Saturday.
 The governor of Tangier has apprehended two sheiks who aided in treacherously capturing Raisoull, thus fulfilling one of the demands of the bandit for the release of Perdieris.

Major-General Henry C. Corbin was ordered to take command of the division of the Philippines.

General Stakelberg's forces met with a disastrous defeat at Wa-fang-gow, the Japanese capturing fourteen guns, but losing a thousand men in a three days' battle.

It was said that a Standard Oil contract to undersell all competitors in kerosene had led to an oil war in Georgia that might cost the Rockefeller interests more than \$2,500,000.

Monday.
 A battle between troops from Kur-oki's army and the defeated Russians is said to be in progress 15 miles south of Tashichao.

Five hundred and nine survivors of the Japanese transports Sado and Hitachi reach port, but 610 non-combatants are missing.

All Raisoull's terms have been accepted by the Sultan of Morocco and the ransom is ready, but the captives have not yet arrived at Tangier.

Funerals of 200 victims of the Slocum disaster were held in St. Mark's parish. The total number of dead, it is now estimated, will be about 900.

Booby secured by two bandits who hold up a Northern Pacific fast train near Bearmouth, Mont., is estimated at \$65,000. The express car was destroyed by dynamite, but the passengers were not molested.

Tuesday.
 Speaker Cannon reaches Chicago and at once begins to dodge his vice presidential boom.

Chauncey Hotelling of Vestal, N. Y., killed his blind son and then set fire to his house, burning his victim's body.

It is reported from Tokio that Vice Admiral Kamimura is engaging the Russian Vladivostok squadron off Osima.

Vice Admiral Skrydloff reported to Emperor Nicholas the sinking of the three Japanese transports by the Vladivostok cruiser squadron.

Colonel Zach Mulhall, Oklahoma cattle king and friend of President Roosevelt, shoots three men on the Pike at the St. Louis world's fair.

There was an unconfirmed rumor among Chinese at Chefoo that the Japanese had captured one of the Inner forts of Port Arthur with a loss of 1,000 men.

Frank P. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration, said no undesirable \$10 immigrants will be admitted, and that the regular standard will be maintained rigidly.

A CONFESSED MURDERER.

He Killed a Young Woman in Germany Who Wanted Him to Marry Her.

Philadelphia, June 20.—A man who said he was William Gerstermeier of Soes, Germany, surrendered himself to the police here and confessed to having murdered a young woman in Berlin in February, 1901.

Gerstermeier said the woman had repeatedly importuned him to marry her and that he, becoming exasperated, had cut her throat while she slept. He then dismembered the body and cast it into the River Spree.

He accounted for the fact that the murder had not been discovered by stating that the woman was a restaurant employe, and that women of her class are social pariahs whose disappearance creates no comment.

After the murder, Gerstermeier said he lived in Berlin 18 months; he then went to Hook of Holland, thence to London and finally he came to this country as a fireman on the steamer Castran. His conscience troubled him to such an extent, he said, that he was forced to give himself up to the authorities. His story is credited by the police.

QUAY WILL PROBATED.

Value of Estate Kept Secret—Mrs. Quay "Is Provided For."

Beaver, Pa., June 20.—The will of Senator Quay was probated Saturday. Not only does it not disclose the amount of his estate, but it provides that the executors shall not file an accounting.

The will says Mrs. Quay is provided for. Matthew Stanley Quay, the senator's grandson, is given his farm in Chester county known as Brandywine Manor. The remainder of the estate is to be sold and divided into five equal parts.

Four of these go to his children, Miss Susan, Miss Cora, R. R. Quay and Mrs. Mary Davidson. The fifth is to be invested and the revenue given to Major A. G. C. Quay.

The senator's extensive library is bequeathed to his daughter, Cora. Richard R. Quay and the Union Trust company of Pittsburg are executors and trustees.

Reapportionment of Districts.
 Harrisburg, June 20.—It is hinted that Governor Pennypacker will take some very decided steps to make the next legislature to obey the mandate of the state constitution for a reapportionment of the legislative districts.

The governor regards this long neglected reapportionment as something he is personally bound to bring about, if possible, in reverence of the constitution. He believes that its accomplishment would do much to establish a reputation for him with future generations as the greatest and wisest of executives. An inkling of a plan for dire punishment of legislators who persist in disregarding the constitutional provision has leaked out.

Rosenberger Convicted.
 Norristown, Pa., June 20.—During the trial of Raymond Rosenberger, accused by a young woman of Southerton, the defense attempted to show that the prosecutor, who is under 16 years of age, was in the habit of sitting upon the defendant's lap. This was given as an instance of her un ladylike conduct. In charging the jury Judge Wand said: "If every girl in Montgomery county who sits upon her lover's lap or invites him to her home, is a girl of bad repute, then I blush for our county." Rosenberger was convicted.

The Oil War Continues.
 Augusta, Ga., June 20.—The oil fight here between the Standard Oil company and the People's Oil company continues. The total sales were 225,000 barrels at the close of business Saturday. It sold at 3 cents per gallon. Many reports are afloat. One is that the Standard intends to crush the independent concern at any cost and will swamp Augusta with oil. Another is that the Standard company will repudiate its contract and not deliver oil at half a cent lower than any other competitor.

Three Deaths From Gas Explosion.
 Kittanning, Pa., June 20.—By the explosion of gas flowing from a well on the Henry Farster farm, in Wayne township, near Gohenville, two men were killed and a third will die, while the fourth is seriously burned. The dead: Greer Fleming, 29 years old, of Kittanning; William Moore, 40 years old, of West Monterey; the seriously burned, John Evans, contractor, 35 years old; cannot live.

Current Was Deficient.
 Columbus, O., June 20.—The electrocution of Moses Johnson, a negro murderer, in the Ohio penitentiary Saturday was almost as harrowing as that of Michael Schiller the day before. Five shocks in all were administered before the condemned man was pronounced dead.

Miles For Vice President.
 Pittsburg, June 20.—General Nelson A. Miles is the guest of Colonel J. M. Guffey, the Democratic leader of Pennsylvania, an local political gossip declares that he will be the Democratic vice presidential nominee.

Lays Off 1,000 Men.
 New Castle, Pa., June 20.—The Shenango Valley steel plant of this city, controlled by the Carnegie Steel company of Pittsburg, closed down Saturday for an indefinite period. One thousand men are idle.

BRICK BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Two Persons Killed and Seven Injured One Fatally.

Kansas City, Mo., June 21.—Two persons were killed and seven others injured, one fatally, here by the partial collapse of the four-story brick building at Third and Delaware streets.

The collapse was caused by overloading. One side of the structure extending its whole height fell in. There were fifty girls and men on the upper stories at the time, and a panic prevailed among them. Many were rescued by firemen.

The dead: Bert Brown, aged 20, of Joplin, Mo. Lila Allen, aged 13.

Of the injured Claude Chamber may die. Chambers was buried four hours and the body of Lila Allen was only recovered after seven hours search.

The building was 25 years old. It was damaged during the fatal tornado of 1896 and had never been repaired properly.

Tercentenary Celebration.
 St. John, N. B., June 21.—Preparations have been practically completed for the tercentenary celebration of the landing of Sieur De Monts and Samuel De Champlain in this city. Annapolis, N. S., St. Stephen and Calais, Maine. Did Home Week here was opened. Today the British war ship Ariadne entered the bay of Fundy today and headed for Annapolis where the anniversary will be celebrated today and Wednesday. The United States cruisers Detroit and Texela, the French cruiser Froude and Canadian cruisers will participate in the program at Annapolis, at St. John and at the mouth of the St. Croix.

North Pacific Train Robbers.
 Missoula, Mont., June 21.—Fon me suspected of being the robber who held up the North Pacific train at Bear Mouth have appeared at a mining camp on Harvey Creek, 10 miles south of Bear Mouth, where the demanded food. They were mounted and carried canvas bags. One man held up the miners while the other ransacked the camp for food for them selves and their horses. After remaining two hours for rest, the quartet rode off in a southerly direction.

Howard's Appeal Overruled.
 Frankfort, Ky., June 21.—The court of appeals has overruled the petition for rehearing in the case of James E. Howard, who is under a life sentence in the charge of murdering William Zobel. The appeal to the United States supreme court will be considered by the supreme court on a writ of error.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE PLATFORM.

Probability Is That the Tariff Revisionists Will Receive Small Recognition.

Chicago, June 21.—The men who are to examine the platform which has